

3RD COVID-19 VACCINE DOSE



Additional dose: Is for people who may not have a strong enough immune response from the first 2 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and who need a 3rd dose in order to be protected. These people are more at risk of serious, long term illness from COVID-19 (if contracted).

Booster dose: Is for people whose immune response may have weakened over time. The CDC recommends certain groups to get a booster shot if they completed their first 2 doses of the Pfizer vaccine more than 6 months ago.

Third Dose Guidance

<u>CRITERIA (ALL MUST BE MET TO BE ELIGIBLE)</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL DOSE</u>	<u>BOOSTER DOSE</u>
AGE	12+ years	18+ years
VACCINE RECEIVED	Pfizer or Moderna	Pfizer ONLY
TIME SINCE 2ND DOSE	28 Days	6 Months
HEALTH RISK FACTORS	<p>Moderate to severe weakened immune systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving cancer treatments • Have had an organ transplant • Immunodeficiency syndrome • HIV • Taking immunosuppressive medications 65+ years 	<p>Are in long term care facilities</p> <p>Are working in high-risk occupations, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare workers • First responders • Teachers • Essential workers <p>Have underlying medical conditions, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer • Heart Disease • Kidney Disease • Diabetes Mellitus (Type I or Type II) • COPD • Obesity

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